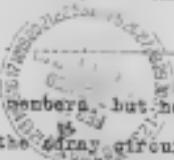


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I have tried to get a list of the old members, but have
found no old records. The records on the circuit
do not amount to anything.



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WEST UNION M. E. CHURCH---STONY CREEK

Prior to the building of the church, the people of upper Stony Creek worshiped in the West Union school house. They were having a revival meeting and there were such large crowds that James Clark suggested that they needed a church. The idea grew and in 1901 the church was completed and dedicated under the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Craithree.

James White was the biggest donator. He let them have the lumber for \$6.00 per thousand, also donated time and money. The remainder of the money was paid by the people of the community.

The deed was given on September 25, 1900 by William W. Cochran and Jessie Cochran, his wife, ~~and~~ ^{to} J. D. Barlow, and Malinda Barlow, his wife, to John H. Tyler, James H. Duncan, William W. Cochran, Wesley Barlow, James H. White, Isaac F. McCollum and George H. Vankeenan, trustees, land on Stony Creek on the east side of the Williams River road, also a hitching ground on the north west side of the road extending from the road leading to the West Union school house to a red oak in the first turn of the road.

Since there are no old records to be found at the parsonage I have not gotten a list of the old members of this church, but the above named men and their families were the main ones to go to this church, there were no doubt many others.

The present Trustees are Seal Beverage, Clawson Beverage, Porter Sharp, William H. Gilmer, and J. P. Duncan.

The Stewards are Seal Beverage and Mrs. Ella Tyler. The S. S. Supt. is Clawson Beverage, and the teachers are Seal

percentage," says VanLiesem, with Alliet and Lillie Neilson. They still have enough members to carry on the work, and there is a good attendance at church services.

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